DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 7, 2008 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tanner on June 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 57, line 2, ---pick-up--- has been inserted between “plastic” and “lens”.

Claim 57, line 3, ---pick-up--- has been inserted between “plastic” and “lens” (second occurrence).

Claim 64 has been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 9 and 22-63 are allowed.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest: a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having a lens part having an optical axis; a flange part on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having a flange surface on at least one side of the flange part and a depressed part formed on at least a part of the flange surface; and a first marking integrally molded by injection molding to a marking surface of the depressed part, the first marking having a convex shape, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the flange surface (independent claim 1); a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having a lens part having first and second convex lens surfaces, the second convex lens surface opposing the first convex lens surface, and a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having a first portion having a surface higher than the first convex lens surface, a second portion having a surface lower than the surface of the first portion, a marking

formed on the surface of the second portion and arranged apart from the first convex lens surface, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the surface of the first portion, and a slope inclined toward the first convex lens surface and provided between the surface of the second portion and the first convex lens surface (independent claim 22); a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material, the plastic lens having a lens part, a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part and including a flange surface, a first marking formed on the flange surface, and a second marking formed on the flange surface, where a relative position of the first marking and the second marking is determined according to a type of production jig used to produce the plastic lens (independent claim 27); or a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having a lens part having first and second lens surface, the second lens surface opposing the first lens surface, and a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having a first portion having a surface higher than the first lens surface, a second portion having a surface lower than the surface of the first portion, a marking having a convex shape, the marking formed on the surface of the second portion and arranged apart from the first lens surface, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the surface of the first portion, and a slope inclined toward the first lens surface and provided between the surface of the second portion and the first lens surface (independent claim 31); or a plastic pick-up lens produced by injection molding of resin material having a lens part having an optical axis and having first and second lens surfaces, the second lens surface opposing the first lens surface, and a flange part formed on a periphery of the

lens part, the flange part having a flange surface at the first lens surface side, the flange surface having a first surface higher than the first lens surface, a second surface lower than the first surface and being closer to the lens part than the first surface, a first marking integrally molded by injection molding to the second surface, the first marking having a convex shape, a highest point of the first marking being lower than the first surface, where a position of the second surface along the optical axis is different from a position of a boundary between the flange part and the lens part along the optical axis (independent claim 44); or a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material, having a lens part, a flange part on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having a flange surface on at least one side of the flange part and a depressed part formed on at least a part of the flange surface, a first marking integrally molded by injection molding to a surface of the depressed part, the first marking having a convex shape, a highest point of the first marking being lower than a highest point of the flange surface, and a second marking integrally molded by injection molding to a surface of the depressed part formed on at least a part of the flange surface, the second marking having a convex shape, a highest point of the second marking being lower than a highest point of the flange surface (independent claim 58).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott J. Sugarman whose telephone number is (571)272-2340.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky L. Mack can be reached on (571)272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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